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Service Date: February 20, 1979

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER of the Application of the COMMUNITY GRAVITY WATER COMPANY for authority to Increase Water Rates.

DOCKET NO. 6644 DEFAULT ORDER NO. 4489

On September 20, 1978, the Community Gravity Water

Company, Noxon, Montana, (Applicant) filed a petition with the

Montana Public Service Commission under 82-4209, RCM 1947,

pursuant to jurisdiction granted by 70-101, et seq., RCM 1947,

and to the requirements of Article II, Section 8 and 9 of the

Montana Constitution for an order authorizing the Applicant to

increase its water rates for additional revenue to replace the

deteriorating wooden lines within the existing system and to meet

increased operating expenses and current debt service.

Having considered the application and the documentation furnished by the Applicant in support of its application and deeming itself fully advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1.) A Notice of Proposed Public Hearing to be held, if requested was published in the January 15, 1979, edition of the Missoulian and the January 25, 1979, edition of the Sanders County Ledger. The Notice stated that if no requests for a public hearing were received by February 13, 1979, an appropriate order would be issued based upon evidence submitted with the application.

- 2.) No requests for a hearing were received and no hearing was scheduled.
- 3.) The Applicant alleges it needs additional revenue to replace the deteriorating wooden lines within the existing system and to meet increased operating expenses and current debt service.
- 4.) The Applicant anticipates that the proposed rates will increase annual revenues by \$2,100.

CONCLUSIONS

- 1.) The Commission has jurisdiction over parties and proceedings in this matter.
 - 2.) The resulting rate levels are reasonable and just.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1.) The following monthly rates are authorized:

Residential

\$10.00 per month

Commercial

\$12.50 per month

School

\$34.75 per month

2.) The approved rates shall be effective for water services rendered on and after March 1, 1979.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION in Helena, Montana, 59601 on February 20, 1979 by a 5-0 vote.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

Commissioner

Gordon E. Bollinger, Chairman

Clyde T//Jarvis, Commissioner

James R. Shea, Commissioner

George Turman, Commissioner

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ATTEST: Thomas J.

(Lice K. Buemkinger (Cotting Secretary)

Madeline L. Cottrill,

Secretary

(Seal)

NOTICE: You are entitled to judicial review of the final decision in this matter. If no Motion For Reconsideration is filed, judicial review may be obtained by filing a petition for review within thirty (30) days from the service of this order. If a Motion For Reconsideration is filed, a Commission order is final for purpose of appeal upon the entry of a ruling on that Motion, or upon the passage of ten (10) days following the filing of that motion. cf. The Montana Administrative Procedure Act. esp. Section 82-4216, RCM 1947; and Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure esp. 38-2.2 (64)-P2750, ARM.